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1. TODAY'S PRESS REPORTS THAT GOM DELEGATION OF HIGH OFFICIALS
AND TECHNICIANS DISPATCHED BY KING HASSAN DEPARTED SEPTEMBER 23
TO ATTEND ENERGY CONFERENCE, DETROIT, MICHIGAN. DELS WILL THEN
PROCEED TO BRAZIL FOR DISCUSSIONS ON EXPLOITATION OF OIL SHALE.
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR COMMERCE, INDUSTRY, MINES AND MERCHANT
MARINE SAADI MOUSSA HEADS DELEGATION.

2. OTHER MEMBERS ARE: TAIEB SKALLI, COMMERCE MINISTRY DIRECTOR
OF MINES, GEOLOGY AND ENERGY; MOHAMMED DIOURI, SECRETARY GENERAL
OF THE STATE MINING CORP (BRPM); MOHAMMED LAKHSSASSI, CHIEF OF
MINES DIVISION IN MINISTRY; ALLAL KANOUNI AND A MR. BAROUDI OF
BRPM.

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3. COMMENT: THIS IS THIRD DELEGATION THIS YEAR TO GO ABROAD TO

STUDY SHALE EXPLOITATION AND THE SECOND TO VISIT THE UNITED STATES. ONE OTHER DELEGATION WENT TO THE USSR. MOROCCO HEAVILY IMPACTED BY INCREASED OIL PRICES AND HAS SIGNED EXPLORATION AGREEMENTS WITH SEVERAL COMPANIES IN ATTEMPT DEVELOP OWN ENERGY RESOURCES. OFFSHORE AND OTHER TRADITIONAL DISCOVERIES PROBLEMATIC, BUT MOROCCAN OIL SHALE DEPOSITS SUBSTANTIAL (SEE PAGE 8, RABAT A-67). POTENTIAL FOR JOINT EXPLOITATION OR SALES OF OIL SHALE PROCESSING EQUIPMENT CONSIDERABLE AS OIL SHALE TECHNIQUES PERFECTED. BELIEVE WASHINGTON MAY WISH APPROACH DEL REGARDING POSSIBILITY VISIT US OIL SHALE PILOT PROJECTS IN ORDER TO ADVANCE EVENTUAL COMMERCIAL POSSIBILITIES. END COMMENT. FYI. DELEGATION HEAD MOUSSA HAS CABINET RANK SHOULD HOSPITALITY BE OFFERED.NEUMANN

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